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To ensure the Department of Health and Human Services will manage accreditation for foreign medical schools, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GROTHMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Less Bureaucracy,
5 Better Foreign Medical Accreditation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FUNC-**
2 **TIONS RELATING TO THE NATIONAL COM-**
3 **MITTEE ON FOREIGN MEDICAL EDUCATION**
4 **AND ACCREDITATION.**

5 There are transferred to the Secretary of Health and
6 Human Services (acting through the head of an Office of
7 the Department of Health and Human Services that is
8 in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this
9 Act) all of the functions which the Secretary of Education
10 exercised before the effective date of this Act (including
11 all related functions of any officer or employee of the De-
12 partment of Education) with respect to the advisory panel
13 established under section 102(a)(2)(B) of the Higher Edu-
14 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002(a)(2)(B)) (referred
15 to as the “National Committee on Foreign Medical Edu-
16 cation and Accreditation”).

17 **SEC. 3. EXERCISE OF AUTHORITIES.**

18 Except as otherwise provided by law, the Secretary
19 of Health and Human Services may, for purposes of per-
20 forming a function transferred under this Act, exercise all
21 authorities under any other provision of law that were
22 available with respect to the performance of that function
23 to the Secretary of Education immediately before the ef-
24 fective date of the transfer of the function under this Act.

1 **SEC. 4. TRANSFER AND ALLOCATIONS OF APPROPRIA-**
2 **TIONS AND PERSONNEL.**

3 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the per-
4 sonnel employed in connection with, and the assets, liabil-
5 ities, contracts, property, records, and unexpended bal-
6 ances of appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and
7 other funds employed, used, held, arising from, available
8 to, or to be made available in connection with the func-
9 tions transferred under this Act, subject to section 1531
10 of title 31, United States Code, shall be transferred to the
11 Secretary of Health and Human Services. Unexpended
12 funds transferred pursuant to this section shall be used
13 only for the purposes for which the funds were originally
14 authorized and appropriated.

15 **SEC. 5. AUTHORITY OF DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MAN-**
16 **AGEMENT AND BUDGET WITH RESPECT TO**
17 **FUNCTIONS TRANSFERRED.**

18 (a) PERSONNEL DETERMINATIONS.—The Director of
19 the Office of Management and Budget shall ensure that
20 this Act does not result in a net increase in full-time equiv-
21 alent employees at the Federal agencies impacted by this
22 Act, based on the number of such employees at such agen-
23 cies on the date of enactment of this Act.

24 (b) FUNCTION DETERMINATIONS.—If necessary, the
25 Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall

1 make any determination of the functions that are trans-
2 ferred under this Act.

3 (c) INCIDENTAL TRANSFERS.—The Director of the
4 Office of Management and Budget, at such time or times
5 as the Director shall provide, may make such determina-
6 tions as may be necessary with regard to the functions
7 transferred by this Act, and to make such additional inci-
8 dental dispositions of personnel, assets, liabilities, grants,
9 contracts, property, records, and unexpended balances of
10 appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and other
11 funds held, used, arising from, available to, or to be made
12 available in connection with such functions, as may be nec-
13 essary to carry out the provisions of this Act. The Director
14 shall provide for the termination of the affairs of all enti-
15 ties terminated by this Act and for such further measures
16 and dispositions as may be necessary to effectuate the pur-
17 poses of this Act.

18 (d) CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE.—On the effec-
19 tive date of this Act, the Director of the Office of Manage-
20 ment and Budget shall certify compliance with this Act,
21 including the requirement under subsection (a), to the
22 Committee on Education and Workforce of the House of
23 Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education,
24 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

1 **SEC. 6. DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT.**

2 Except as otherwise expressly prohibited by law or
3 otherwise provided in this Act, the Secretary of Health
4 and Human Services may delegate any of the functions
5 so transferred to such officers and employees of the De-
6 partment of Health and Human Services as the Secretary
7 may designate, and may authorize successive redelegations
8 of such functions as may be necessary or appropriate. No
9 delegation of functions under this section or under any
10 other provision of this Act shall relieve the Secretary of
11 Health and Human Services of responsibility for the ad-
12 ministration of the function.

13 **SEC. 7. REFERENCES.**

14 With regard to functions transferred under section 2,
15 a reference in any other Federal law, Executive order,
16 rule, regulation, or delegation of authority, or any docu-
17 ment of or relating to—

18 (1) the Secretary of Education shall be deemed
19 to refer to the Secretary of Health and Human
20 Services; and

21 (2) the Department of Education shall be
22 deemed to refer to the Department of Health and
23 Human Services.

1 **SEC. 8. SAVINGS PROVISIONS.**

2 (a) **LEGAL DOCUMENTS.**—All orders, determinations,
3 rules, regulations, permits, grants, loans, contracts, agree-
4 ments, certificates, licenses, and privileges—

5 (1) that have been issued, made, granted, or al-
6 lowed to become effective by the President, any Fed-
7 eral agency or official thereof, or by a court of com-
8 petent jurisdiction, in the performance of any func-
9 tion that is transferred by this Act; and

10 (2) that are in effect on the effective date of
11 such transfer (or become effective after such date
12 pursuant to their terms as in effect on such effective
13 date),

14 shall continue in effect according to their terms until
15 modified, terminated, superseded, set aside, or revoked in
16 accordance with law by the President, the Secretary of
17 Health and Human Services, any other authorized official,
18 a court of competent jurisdiction, or operation of law.

19 (b) **PROCEEDINGS.**—This Act shall not affect any
20 proceedings or any application for any benefits, service,
21 license, permit, certificate, or financial assistance pending
22 on the date of the enactment of this Act before the De-
23 partment of Education (with respect to functions trans-
24 ferred by this Act). Such proceedings and applications
25 shall continue, orders shall be issued in such proceedings,
26 appeals shall be taken therefrom, and payments shall be

1 made pursuant to such orders, as if this Act had not been
2 enacted, and orders issued in any such proceeding shall
3 continue in effect until modified, terminated, superseded,
4 or revoked by a duly authorized official, by a court of com-
5 petent jurisdiction, or by operation of law. Nothing in this
6 subsection shall be considered to prohibit the discontinu-
7 ance or modification of any such proceeding under the
8 same terms and conditions and to the same extent that
9 such proceeding could have been discontinued or modified
10 if this Act had not been enacted.

11 (c) SUITS.—Except as provided in subsection (e)—

12 (1) this Act shall not affect suits commenced
13 before the effective date of this Act; and

14 (2) in all such suits, proceeding shall be had,
15 appeals taken, and judgments rendered in the same
16 manner and with the same effect as if this Act had
17 not been enacted.

18 (d) NONABATEMENT OF ACTIONS.—No suit, action,
19 or other proceeding commenced by or against the Depart-
20 ment of Education (with respect to the functions trans-
21 ferred by this Act), or by or against any individual in the
22 official capacity of such individual as an officer or em-
23 ployee of the Department of Education (with regard to
24 functions transferred by this Act), shall abate by reason
25 of the enactment of this Act.

1 (e) CONTINUANCE OF SUITS.—If, before the date on
2 which a transfer of a function under this Act takes effect,
3 the Secretary of Education or any officer or employee of
4 the Department of Education in the official capacity as
5 such an officer or employee is party to a suit relating to
6 the function, then such suit shall be continued and the
7 Secretary of Health and Human Services to which the
8 function is transferred, or other appropriate official of the
9 Department of Health and Human Services, shall be sub-
10 stituted or added as a party.

11 (f) ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE AND JUDICIAL RE-
12 VIEW.—Except as otherwise provided by this Act, any
13 statutory requirements relating to notice, hearings, action
14 upon the record, or administrative or judicial review that
15 apply to any function transferred by this Act shall apply
16 to the exercise of such function by the Secretary of Health
17 and Human Services, and other officers of the Depart-
18 ment of Health and Human Services, to which such func-
19 tion is transferred by this Act.

20 **SEC. 9. TRANSITION.**

21 Beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the
22 Secretary of Health and Human Services is authorized to
23 use, for such period of time as may reasonably be needed
24 to facilitate the orderly implementation of this Act—

1 (1) the services of officers, employees, and other
2 personnel of the Department of Education with re-
3 gard to functions transferred under this Act;

4 (2) assets of the Department of Education with
5 regard to such functions; and

6 (3) funds appropriated to such functions.

7 **SEC. 10. DEFINITION OF FUNCTION.**

8 For purposes of this Act, the term “function” in-
9 cludes any duty, obligation, power, authority, responsi-
10 bility, right, privilege, activity, or program.

11 **SEC. 11. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in section 9,
13 this Act shall take effect 6 months after the date of enact-
14 ment of this Act.

15 (b) EARLY IMPLEMENTATION.—Notwithstanding
16 subsection (a), transfers of functions under section 2 or
17 any other provision of this Act (other than section 9) may
18 be carried out beginning on the date of enactment of this
19 Act but not later than the effective date of this Act.

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